

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Baylor High School boys' soccer team upon winning the Division II state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Baylor Red Raider boys' soccer program is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, establishing a 10-3-5 record on the way to claiming the Division II boys' soccer state championship; Baylor's first state title since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the highly accomplished and athletically-gifted young men of the Baylor Red Raider soccer team won the title by prevailing over the powerhouse team fielded by Christian Brothers High School, which won three consecutive titles from 2001 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, before this outstanding victory, Baylor's biggest win had been at McCallie in the region semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, though Christian Brothers had more shots on goal during the championship game, the Baylor team held them scoreless in pursuit of their thirteenth shutout of the season; and

WHEREAS, Baylor enjoys the excellent guidance and leadership of Head Coach Jimmy Weekly and Assistant Coach Curtis Blair, each of whom takes great pride in sharing his years of experience and soccer knowledge with the talented players; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Red Raider boys' soccer team epitomize all that is good in today's youth, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship soccer season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Baylor soccer team on their tournament success and for serving as exemplars of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Baylor High School boys' soccer team upon winning the Division II state championship and wish them every continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.